INFORMED CONSENT FORM
Teacher participants

Honing Diagnostic Practice:
Toward a New Model of Teacher Professional Preparation and Development

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PURPOSE
You are invited to participate in a research study. The purpose of this study is to investigate the impacts of professional development and the Diagnoser Tools on teacher development and student learning. The results of this study will help in the design of better instructional tools for educators. We are recruiting 700 science teachers from around the US to participate in this study.

PROCEDURES
If you choose to take part in this study, written materials and survey responses will be collected from you. You may also be video-recorded during professional development activities hosted by Seattle Pacific University and/or while teaching in your own classroom. The written materials and survey responses will be used to evaluate the impact of professional development and Diagnoser Tools on teacher change. The video records will be used to collect observational study information on student-student, student-teacher, student-computer, and teacher-computer interactions. The records will be kept in a location that is physically locked or electronically password-protected. Students and parents will also be required to sign consent forms. You may choose to end the study, or any part of the study, at any time.

RISKS and DISCOMFORTS
Some people feel uneasy when being video-recorded.

BENEFITS
While we do not expect direct benefits for your participation, teachers participating in this project will have the opportunity to use and receive assistance with assessment and instructional tools designed to improve their teaching and their students’ learning. The benefits to society include improved teaching knowledge and skills and an impact on the technical tools available to other teachers. All of these can contribute to improved student understanding of science concepts.

CONFIDENTIALITY
The information in the study records will be kept confidential and all study material will either not include your name (e.g. video), or will replace your name with a random code (e.g. written work). The link between the code and your name will be kept in a secured location, separate from the study information. No reference will be made in oral or written reports that could link you to the study.

In some cases video data from the project will appear in presentations and publications for educators, or in professional development materials that will be viewed by teachers or other researchers. Teachers who participate will not be identified by name in any publication or presentation. Still, giving consent involves this

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minimal risk: When you appear in a video episode used in a presentation, it is possible that someone you know will recognize you. However, this identity cannot be traced to any other data.

The researchers will keep all data from this project in locked storage. The only public release of this data will be in presentations for educators or other researchers.

Your confidential data may be used in future research, presentations or for teaching purposes. No student or teacher names will be identifiable in the portions used in presentations.

CONTACT
If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, (or you experience adverse effects as a result of participating in this study,) you may contact the Principal Investigator, Stamatis Vokos, at Seattle Pacific University, OMH 134, 3307 3rd Ave W Ste 307, Seattle, WA 98119-1957 and 206-281-2385. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, contact the Institutional Review Board Chair at 206-281-2201.

PARTICIPATION AND ALTERNATIVES TO PARTICIPATION
Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to participate in the study and still participate in the professional development offered by the program. You may decline to participate in the video recording, the collection of written materials, or both. If you decline to participate in the video recording and video records that include you are still collected as part of professional development activities, your image will be blurred in any presentation or publication. If you decide to participate in the study, you may withdraw from the study at anytime without penalty and without loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you withdraw from the study before data collection is completed, your data will be returned to you or destroyed. Likewise, the Researcher may terminate your participation in the study at any time.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL / PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT
Seattle Pacific University does not offer to reimburse participants for medical claims or other compensation. If physical injury is suffered in the course of research, or for more information, please notify the investigator in charge, Stamatis Vokos, at Seattle Pacific University, 206-281-2385.

CONSENT
Your signature on this form indicates that you have understood to your satisfaction the information regarding participation in this research project and agree to participate as a subject. In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities.

I have read the above information and agree to participate in this study. I have received a copy of this form.

- I agree to be video-recorded while participating in professional development activities.
- I agree to be video-recorded while teaching a lesson.
- I agree to the collection of written materials and survey responses.

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Copies to: Participant  Principal Investigator

SPU DRK12 Teacher Consent Form

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